

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017
WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION**

MINUTES

The School Committee meeting was held on the evening of the above date at Western Hills Middle School with the following members present: Chairperson Ruggieri, Mrs. Culhane; Mr. Fusco, Mr. Gale, Mr. Traficante, Mr. Turchetta and Mr. Wall. Attorney Cascione was present during Executive Session.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. **It was moved by Mr. Gale; seconded by Mr. Traficante to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Turchetta - Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes**

PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel:

PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation:

- a. Teachers
- b. Custodians
- c. Secretaries
- d. Aramark Food Service

PL 42-46-5(3)

- e. District Safety Plan

Adjourn Executive Session

Call to Order - Public Session at 6:55 p.m.

The roll was called; a Quorum was present

Executive Session Minutes were sealed – Mrs. Ruggieri stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session and that all personnel listed above were notified. **A motion was made to seal the minutes of the executive session by Mr. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Turchetta - Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes.**

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of Previous Meetings - December 19, 2016 (Regular Meeting) and January 2, 2017 (Organizational Meeting) by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Wall. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications - None

Chairperson's Communications

Chairperson Ruggieri stated – I just wanted to acknowledge Councilman Hopkins. Thank you for coming tonight. We appreciate anyone that comes to our budget meetings. Also, I wanted to welcome Mr. Turchetta. Tonight is his first meeting. Welcome.

Superintendent's Communications

Superintendent Nota-Masse stated – I wanted to acknowledge the Administrators that are here this evening. We appreciate you attending these meetings. I know you all have families and other obligations and we appreciate you coming. In addition to the budget presentation tonight, we are unveiling of the new logo that we have designed. It was a long process and it involved the community along the way. Two people – a student and a teacher contributed to the winning logo and slogan for the new design. I would like to thank them publicly with a resolution we have coming up soon. This really captures nicely what we do on a daily basis and that is the business of educating students. That is our prime focus and responsibility. I think the new logo is really suits us in what we do daily. Thank you to Mrs. Mangiarielli and Emily Bovil. Thank you for your work. Nice job on them.

School Committee Member Communications

Public Hearing

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters) - None
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only) - None

Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted under the Consent Agenda:

17-01-02; 17-01-03; 17-01-04; 17-01-06 and 17-01-07.

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-01-01 WHEREAS, the Cranston School Department has been exploring how to build a “brand” and increase our social media presence;

WHEREAS, the Cranston Education Advisory Board and the Cranston Public Schools held a slogan contest to be a part of that brand and social media presence;

WHEREAS, the Cranston Public Schools' Art Department sponsored a logo contest to incorporate winning slogans into a logo design to be used as the new brand of Cranston Public School.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee recognize and congratulate Joann Mangiarelli (CHSW Science teacher), winner of the slogan contest, and Emily Bovill (CHSW student and CACTC Graphics II program student) winner of the logo contest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the logo will now be used on School Department literature, websites, emails and other social and traditional media outlets.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 17-01-01 by Mr. Gale; seconded by Mr. Fusco. The roll was called; all were in favor.

PERSONNEL

Resolution No. 17-01-02 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2016-2017 school year:

Thomas Fratini, Step 12 +Masters
Education...University of Maryland, BA, Sacred Heart University, MA
Experience...Stamford (CT) Public Schools
Certification....Emergency Italian Pk-12
Assignment... Cranston East 1.0 FTE
Effective date...December 30, 2016
Authorization...Replacement
Fiscal Note... 11312300 51110

Resolution No. 17-01-03 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Meghan Paquet, Elementary 1-6
Jessica Ricci, Early Childhood PK-2
Jennifer Antes, Art PK-12
Nettie Alexander, Biology\Chemistry
Abigail Jaffa, Elementary 1-6

Resolution No. 17-01-04 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as an athletic coach:

Stephen Rush, Assistant Coach Boys' Basketball
Cranston West
Class-D
Step-1

Playing Competition-High School & College
Experience-Youth Leagues
Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid

Resolution No. 17-01-05 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

Peter Gerardi, Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective Date...January 3, 2017
Replacement
Fiscal Note... 13245190 51110

Eric McMahon, Bus Aide
Transportation
Effective Date...January 5, 2017
Replacement
Fiscal Note...13245180 51110

Donna King, Part Time Secretary
Central Registration
Effective Date...January 3, 2017
Replacement
Fiscal Note....18643150 51110

Robyn Bourgoïn, Child Outreach Worker
ECC
Effective Date...January 17, 2017
Replacement
Fiscal Note... 10241050 51110

Alexandria Ruggieri, Copy\Mailroom Clerk
Human Resources
Effective Date...January 17, 2017
Replacement
Fiscal Note... 19642340 51110

Mrs. Culhane assumed the Chair for Chairperson Ruggieri.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 17-01-05 by Mr. Gale; seconded by Mr. Fusco. Discussion followed.

Mr. Fusco made a friendly amendment to remove the name of Robyn Bourgoïn from Resolution No. 17-01-05; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Recused; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Turchetta - Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes

Resolution No. 17-01-06 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Angel Santana, Tech
Andrew Girard, Custodian

Resolution No. 17-01-07 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article X, Section C of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Terry Phelps, Teacher Assistant
Cranston West
Effective Date... January 3, 2017 to June 30, 2017

TABLED RESOLUTION(s)

Resolution No. 16-11-20 RESOLVED, that the memorandum of agreement between the YMCA and Cranston Public Schools for after school programs to be conducted at the following school sites, Dutemple School, Eden Park School, and George Peters School be approved.

Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items – None.

A motion to adjourn to Public Budget Work Session was made by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Fusco. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Superintendent's Presentation of the 2017-2018 School Budget to the Cranston School Committee

Superintendent Nota-Masse presented her 2017-2018 School Budget to the School Committee.
(See Handout A - Power Point of the presentation which is on file in the Superintendent's office as well as the presentation posted on the CPS website and Handout B – CPS Proposed Budget 2017-2018 for additional information)

Mr. Traficante stated – Mr. Balducci, can you please have for us at the next meeting what you have in the reserve fund/surplus account.

Mr. Balducci stated – Will do. Similar to what Mr. Traficante just stated, after you read the documents and have any documentation you want from my office in preparation for next Monday and Thursday, please send me an email so that I can get that data for you before the meeting. I will try to get it to you through the Superintendent for next Monday and Thursday so that we can have a constructive conversation. It is easier to move through the process that way. Thank you.

Superintendent Nota-Masse stated – For anyone on the School Committee that may have a question, we will answer it and then disseminate the answer to all members. Any question that is brought to my attention or Joe's attention, will be sent to all of you.

Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – January 23, 2017 and January 26, 2017

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Traficante. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephanie A. G. Culhane".

Stephanie A. G. Culhane
Vice Chairperson